

House Resolution 662

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Maxwell of the 17th, Everson of the 106th, Millar of the 79th, Dickson of the 6th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Jeannie "Sis" M. Henry; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Jeannie "Sis" M. Henry has long been recognized by the citizens of this
3 state for the vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal
4 commitment to the education of the students of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Ms. Henry has dedicated more than 30 years to molding young minds and
6 challenging students through her work in the field of education; and
- 7 WHEREAS, devoted to improving public education, Ms. Henry has served as a teacher,
8 district administrator, expert in school finance campaigns, and nationally recognized speaker,
9 trainer, and author on school board governance; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
11 talents, and energy toward the betterment of schools with her service on the school board
12 association as a communications director, board development director, and deputy director;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 2001, Ms. Henry began her tenure as executive director of the Georgia
15 School Boards Association (GSBA) and has worked tirelessly to ensure that state leaders
16 understand the role and value of school boards in a participatory democracy; and
- 17 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the GSBA has dramatically improved its grassroots
18 advocacy activities, increased the programs and services offered to local boards, and modeled
19 the use of strategic planning as a method of continuous improvement of operations; and
- 20 WHEREAS, as a result of her guidance and efforts, there has been a dramatic increase in
21 collaboration between education associations and organizations throughout this state; and

22 WHEREAS, in recognition for her outstanding achievements, the National School Boards
23 Association has awarded Ms. Henry its highest honor, the 2009 Thomas A. Shannon Award
24 of Excellence in School Board Association Leadership; and

25 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
26 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
27 of this outstanding individual.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Ms. Jeannie "Sis" M. Henry for
30 her sacrifice, foresight, accomplishments, and contributions on behalf of education in
31 Georgia and for the positive influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless
32 young people in this state.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Jeannie "Sis" M. Henry.